

in Congressional deliberations in all matters regarding our Armed Forces, and his perspective on the needs of the Nation with respect to our sea services will be sorely missed.

Madam Speaker, we all know that behind every servicemember there stands a strong and supportive family, so I also want to recognize the Carney family: his lovely wife Nancy, and his son Ryan. They have been stalwart partners in his service to the United States. We can ill afford to forget that it is the strength of family, and indeed their love and support, that make it possible to honorably serve in uniform.

In closing, on behalf of my colleagues on the Appropriations Committee, I want to express my thanks and appreciation for the special contribution Captain Carney has made during his tenure. I am especially pleased to note that Captain Carney was recently selected for promotion to Rear Admiral. We wish Tom Carney and his family continued success and the traditional naval wish of "fair winds and following seas."

#### FAMILY SMOKING PREVENTION AND TOBACCO CONTROL ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. MIKE MCINTYRE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 12, 2009*

Mr. MCINTYRE. Madam Speaker, I rise to discuss a technical but important matter. H.R. 1256 would permit the use of brand names and logos on roll-your-own paper, as well as cigarettes and smokeless tobacco. The U.S. Congress has correctly recognized the necessity of allowing RYO manufacturers to put their brand names on the paper that is used to assemble RYO cigarettes. However, I am concerned that language only naming one component and not the other necessary components could lead to a prohibition on branding for tubes, rollers, injectors and filters. These are items that are used by individuals in their homes for purposes of making their own cigarettes, and not seen by others. They have none of the attributes which have caused the restriction of the use of logos on other items such as t-shirts.

For more than 100 years, these types of RYO making components have been marketed with company brand names and logos. This practice helps consumers easily identify which components and accessories to use and helps companies establish good-will with their customers. Yet, this practice will unnecessarily be forced to come to an end unless components other than RYO paper are included within the FDA's final rule on product branding. The intent of this legislation dictates that the branding prohibition does not apply to entities that do not meet the definition of a manufacturer or importer of cigarettes or smokeless tobacco. Any final rule promulgated by FDA should recognize that RYO papers and all necessary components are permitted branding authority.

#### RECOGNIZING WILLIAM VEGH

**HON. TIM RYAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2009*

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise this evening in recognition of Holocaust survivor and longtime Mahoning Valley resident Mr. William Vegh of Youngstown, Ohio, who passed away Friday, June 5, 2009. Mr. Vegh was born in Aspa, Czechoslovakia on November 21, 1928. Mr. Vegh and his wife Lucille, married on June 29, 1952, have three children, seven grandchildren, and one great grandchild. He came to the United States in 1948, and worked in the Mahoning Valley for 38 years. He was an active member of the El Emeth Synagogue where he attended services daily.

Mr. Vegh lived through one of the worst horrors visited upon our modern era: The Holocaust. Held in Auschwitz and various other concentration camps, he lost his mother, sister and four of his brothers. After being liberated by the allied forces and settling in Ohio, he dedicated his life after retirement to speaking and educating those around him about the Holocaust and the concentration camps in which he was kept. His utter dedication to this goal helped to ensure that the people of the Valley would never forget both him and the events he endured.

And his ability to inspire did not stop at the borders of Mahoning Valley. His story was documented by the Steven Spielberg Shoah Foundation, a non-profit organization based out of California dedicated to "overcoming prejudice, intolerance and bigotry". He also received many awards and recognitions including the Marvin and Sarah Itts Award for Distinguished Community Service, B'Nai Brith Guardian of the Menorah, J.C. Penney Golden Rule Award, Heroes of Mahoning Valley/American Red Cross, the Janusz Korczak Humanitarian Award, the 2000 Triumphant Spirit Award and was an Honoree of the Youngstown Area Fraternal Brotherhood. These awards recognize his notable ability to connect with people and inspire them through education.

I would like to commend Mr. William Vegh for inspiring us all with his incredible story and all he has done for the community. I am very proud to have represented him and I wish all the best for his family.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JOHN L. MICA**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2009*

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. This legislation appropriates \$200,000 in the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, Department of Justice Juvenile Justice Account for KidsPeace Florida Therapeutic Foster Care Program in my district. The entity to receive this funding is

KidsPeace Florida located at St. 711 Ballard Street, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701.

The funds from this request will (1) provide community-based placement to children involved with or at risk for involvement with the juvenile justice system; (2) address the mental health needs of children in the social service system; and (3) provide safe and supportive homes to children.

This legislation appropriates \$250,000 in the Department of Justice COPS Law Enforcement Technology Account for St. Johns County in my district. The entity to receive this funding is St. Johns County located at 2740 Industry Center Road, St. Augustine, FL 32084.

The funds from this request will be used to improve the communications equipment that allows the cities and County to communicate during an emergency.

This legislation appropriates \$400,000 in the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, Department of Justice COPS Law Enforcement Technology Account for the City of Maitland, Florida in my district. The entity to receive this funding is the City of Maitland, Florida located at 1 776 Independence Avenue, Maitland, Florida 32751.

Funding will be used for the critical Public Safety Radio System technology upgrades and Mobile Data Terminals for the Maitland Police Department.

This legislation appropriates \$150,000 in the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, Department of Justice COPS Law Enforcement Technology Account for Volusia County, Florida in my district. The entity to receive this funding is Volusia County, Florida located at 123 West Indiana Avenue, DeLand, FL.

The Volusia County Sheriffs Office will use these funds for information technology systems upgrades to support a new evidence photo management system. The new system will provide for secure storage of evidentiary images to assist in the identification, apprehension, and prosecution of suspects.

#### INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION

**HON. NICK J. RAHALL II**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 18, 2009*

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to amend the Whaling Convention Act of 1949 (Act) to require that the United States Commissioner to the International Whaling Commission (IWC) be a Federal employee.

The Act sets out conditions for the appointment of the U.S. Commissioner to the IWC. It provides that the U.S. Commissioner shall be appointed by the President on the concurrent recommendations of the Secretaries of State and Commerce, and establishes that the Commissioner shall serve at the pleasure of the President.

My legislation would add a requirement that any such individual must also be an employee of the Federal Government to ensure that the positions of the Administration are represented by the Commissioner. It would apply to any individual who is appointed, or reappointed, as U.S. Commissioner to the IWC on or after the date of enactment.